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May 29, 2015

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Attention: Henri Letient

Subject: Extension of the Red Dog Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (F20099958)

Dear Mr. Letient:

On May 26, 2015 the Department of Natural Resources received a letter (copy enclosed) from Teck Alaska Incorporated (Teck) requesting extension of the expiration date of the existing Reclamation Plan Approval (RPA) F20099958 for the Red Dog Mine.

On December 2, 2009, the Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW) signed RPA F20099958 for the Red Dog Mine, effective through December 2, 2014. At the request of Teck, an administrative extension of the RPA was issued December 1, 2014 extending the effective date through June 2, 2015 to allow for additional application review.

The state agencies have reviewed the renewal application and found it to be incomplete. The state of Alaska has asked for additional information and Teck has committed to submittal of a revised Integrated Waste Management Plan, an updated Cover Material Performance Report, Sludge Disposal Management Plan, updates to the Reclamation and Closure Plan and associated revisions to the cost estimate, by June 15, 2015.

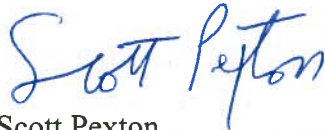
Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may approve a reclamation plan for any term not to exceed 10 years. Since the original term of the plan approval was for five years, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby administratively extends the current Red Dog Mine Reclamation Plan Approval F20099958 until September 30, 2015, or until a complete updated reclamation plan is approved by DMLW, whichever occurs first. This extension should be sufficient to allow for a thorough review of the updated plan, cost estimates and supporting documents, resolution of requests for information, and to accommodate a coordinated public notice process.

However, if the applicant fails to submit a timely and complete application by September 30, 2015, DMLW's approval of another extension request may be conditioned upon receipt of additional and sufficient financial assurance to cover the reasonable and probable reclamation costs, based on the increased reclamation cost estimate information provided since the 2009 reclamation plan was approved.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of issuance of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC .2.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to superior court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Brent Martellaro at 907-451-2788.

Sincerely,



Scott Pexton
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of May 26, 2015 Extension Request letter from Teck

cc: Brent Goodrum, ADNR
Brent Martellaro, ADNR
Stephanie Lovell, ADNR
Carolyn Curley, ADNR
David Schade, ADNR
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Kyle Moselle, ADNR
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May 26, 2015

Mr. Kyle Moselle
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Re: Extension Request for Red Dog Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan Approval (No. F20099958)

Dear Mr. Moselle:

On December 1, 2014 Teck Alaska Incorporated – Red Dog Mine received an administrative extension approval from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW) which allowed the Red Dog Mine to continue operating under the existing Reclamation Plan Approval F20099958. The administrative extension was necessary since some of the proposed changes were significant and required additional time for review and comment between parties. The extension is effective until June 2nd, 2015.

Red Dog Mine expects to submit the revised Integrated Waste Management Plan, including sub-plans, Reclamation and Closure Plan, including revised cost estimate, updated Cover Material Performance Report, and the Sludge Disposal Management Plan to ADNR no later than June 15th, 2015. An additional permit extension is requested which will allow Red Dog Mine to continue operations until ADNR issues a new permit and Reclamation and Closure Plan.

Should you have any questions regarding the extension request please contact Chris Eckert at (907) 754-5139.

Sincerely,
Teck Alaska Incorporated



Henri Letient
General Manager

Cc: Brent Martellaro, ADNR
Tim Pilon, ADEC
Frank Bendrick, Teck

